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Block Quotes

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-- "War on Lebanon Is a War on All Arabs" was written by Ambassador Ahmed Al-Ghaith in progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas (7/25):

"The objective of the ferocious Israeli war against Lebanon is to subjugate Arabs first to the United States and then to Israel. The war is not being fought for two Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped in order to negotiate the release of Lebanese prisoners. Mr. Hassan Nasrallah has stated his readiness to negotiate with the presence of a third party, but Israel did not heed his statement and instead bombed the Beirut airport."

-- Progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas published "Israel's Stupidity Requires Smart Weapons" by Mostafa Zantoot (7/25):

"The United States finally realized the level of stupidity of the Zionist enemy. While they have the capability to target their objectives with the utmost precision, they are still unable to distinguish civilians from militants or civil defense and emergency vehicles from military vehicles. The American Administration's decision to supply the Zionist entity with smart weapons is aimed to make up for the stupidity of this enemy."

-- Professor and columnist Ali Al-Mahaz inquired in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam in "Partner for Peace or Partner for Blood?" (7/25):

"The question that poses itself in light of recent events is how do the Americans expect the Arabs to accept their future role in peace-making after they have become party to the struggle? The current war is an American war fought by Israel. That is why some Israeli observers have expressed their concern in a series of articles. They noticed the strange American determination for Israel to finish what it started in Lebanon."

-- Moderate Arabic daily Al-Watan published Badr Al-Shabib's "Who Writes the Final Chapter?" (7/25):

"The American Secretary of State's statements are clear evidence of what is happening in the Middle East. The most prominent of which is that the current division according to the Sykes-Picot agreement is outdated. The neo-conservatives have come up with a new vision for the Middle East, which will be divided along lines that are hard to predict."

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